THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) The Government is aware about the existence of camps of North East Indian insurgents groups in Bangladesh, Bhutan and Myanmar, which are being used by them for safe havens, sanctuary, training purposes and launching of operations against Indian civilians and security forces. The Chief Minister of Assam has also drawn the attention of the Central Government in this regard.

The Government has already taken up the matter with the Governments of Bangladesh, Myanmar and Royal Government of Bhutan, who have assured that they will not allow these elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of India.

Fight against terrorism

3471. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government agrees that the cancer of terrorism has to be dealt with at any cost;

(b) if so, whether Government also agrees that this is the single largest danger to humankind;

(c) whether Government also agrees that the best way to fight terrorism and succeed is through precautions and to take pre-emptive and pro-active measures; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to finish the root of terrorism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (d) Cross-border terrorism is indeed one of the main threats to international security in the country. In order to tackle the menace of terrorism, the Central Government has adopted a pro-active multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening of the borders, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, modernization of State Police Forces and CPMFs and strengthening of international/bilateral cooperation to counter cross-border crime and terrorism.

The Central Government has been sensitizing the State Governments from time to time about the threat perception generated due to terrorist groups' activities.

As a result of well coordinated intelligence based operations 110 terrorist modules have been busted in the last 3 years.

Legislation to amend Citizenship Act, 1952

3472. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to enact a special legislation to amend the Citizenship Act, 1952 to formalise the long-pending proposal of providing dual citizenship to people of Indian origin;

(b) if so, whether any preference will be given to those living in countries like US, UK and Australia;

(c) if so, the reasons for the same;

(d) whether this dual citizens will have no voting rights; and

(e) if so, by what time the legislation in this regard is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) A proposal to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 providing, inter-alia, for grant of dual citizenship is under consideration.

(b) to (e) The details and other modalities are being worked out.

Induction of women in commandos

3473. MISS MABEL REBELLO :

SHRI B.J. PANDA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether women are now being inducted as commandos in the police force as reported in the media;

(b) the States where women commando units have been constituted; and

(c) whether such a unit is also proposed to be set up in Orissa State, if so, details thereof?